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#### MILLER, JOHNSON, JEGTVIG & FRANK WIN THEIR FIRST VIKING FEATURES OF 2012



Matt Miller lead most of the Super Stock Feature but went high off turn three and Alan Johnson took the win ALEXANDRIA, MN (August 4th) - Ryan Schmitz

Mellen, Wisconsin driver Todd Frank, led flag to flag in the Marthaler Chevrolet WISSOTA Late Model feature to claim his first career Viking Speedway win on Saturday night. Other drivers finding their way to victory lane during WIS-SOTA AMSOIL Dirt Track Series competition included: Dusty Bitzan in the Sower Power WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, Brett Miller in the Extreme Auto WISSOTA Street Stocks, Alan Johnson in the Alexandria Refrigeration WISSOTA Super Stocks, and two time national champion Blake Jegtvig in the Morris Auto Plaza WISSOTA Modifieds. The night's racing action was sponsored by Prairie Trailer Sales, 360 **Inside this issue:** Active, and Beck's Radiator.

With all the heat race action in the books, and after a brief rain shower, nineteen of the twenty scheduled starters in the WISSOTA Midwest Modified feature made their way to the track for their fifteen lap event. Zach Hintermeister and Shawn Olson led the field to the green and Olson moved out to a slight advantage as the field made their way down the back chute, but before a lap could be completed, Hintermeister lost the bite on his #16 machine and collected Tyler Vanderby in the process (see photo on p.13). The field would be reset with Olson and Dusty Bitzan now on row one. At the drop of the green Bitzan used the low groove to move around Olson and into the lead. Behind Bitzan, Olson began to battle with national point leader Cory Crapser, Dennis Czech, Travis Saurer, and Jason Hoffman for the second spot. Crapser soon found his way around Olson and moved into the second spot. A few laps later Czech would move into the third spot, and Saurer into fourth as they all tried to track down Bitzan. A late race caution would fly for a Dan Rice spin and it gave Crapser and Czech one last chance to derail Bitzan as the duo lined up on his back bumper. Layne Roberts threw the green once more and Bitzan was able to race out to a lead and cruised to pick up the win over a strong (continued on page 2)

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#### MILLER, JOHNSON, JEGTVIG & FRANK WIN THEIR FIRST FEATURES OF 2012 (FROM PAGE 1)

field of Midwest Modifieds. Crapser, who made the trip from Chippewa Falls, WI turned in a strong second place finish in his first visit to the speedway this season. Czech continued his strong performances at Viking and came home third, Saurer was fourth, and current track point leader William Lund was scored fifth. Heat race winners included Crapser, Lund, and Olson.

Seven of the nine WISSOTA Street Stock drivers lined up next for their twelve lap feature event. At the drop of the green, Alexandria driver Brett Miller moved his car to the high side of the speedway and blasted to a nice advantage over the rest of the field. Two time track champion Andrew Bangsund worked his way into the runner up spot and began his pursuit of Miller as the laps continued to tick down. The front two cars continued to pull away from the pack as the rest of the field raced for position. With two laps remaining Bangsund tried a bold high side move in an effort to sneak around Miller on the high side of the track, and the duo would have contact as they exited turn two. This would give Miller the cushion he would need as he held off Bangsund for the win. Chris Winter came home in the number three spot, Tiffany Maus-Krippner was fourth, and Mark Blom came home fifth. Bangsund was victorious in the lone heat race for the class.

The WISSOTA Super Stock feature proved to be the race of the night, with three cars battling for the win on the final lap. Max Dondelinger and Matt Miller led the thirteen car field to the green flag. Miller used outside starting spot to jump to the lead with Alan Johnson and Dondelinger in tow. With a handful of laps completed Miller still led over Johnson, who had now worked his way past Dondelinger, and Larry Lund as he continued to blast around the high side of the track. Johnson and Lund continued their hard fought battle for the second and third spots and Jeff Crouse raced up to challenge Dondelinger and Trevor Saurer for the fourth spot. As the field was coming to the white flag Miller, who is searching for his first career win, slipped over the banking in turn four bringing out the first caution of twenty lap event. After a short delay, to get Miller's car free from the guardrail off turn four, the field was reset. Johnson now led with Crouse and Lund on his back bumper. At the drop of the green Johnson left no doubt that he was the car to beat and he jumped to a nice cushion over the two veterans. Johnson would lead the final two circuits to claim his first career Super Stock feature win. Lund was scored in the runner up spot, Crouse was third, Saurer was fourth, and Brainerd traveler Dondelinger was fifth. Heat race wins went to Lund and Jon Stepan.

A couple weeks back, Travis Saurer and Brady Gerdes put on one of the best modified races in recent memory at Viking Speedway and on Saturday night the duo manned the front row once more. Gerdes and Saurer would battle for the lead over the first few laps and Gerdes would ultimately gain the advantage as Saurer became locked in a



**Midwest Modified Feature Winner** Dustin Bitzan in the Dream it Do it Minnesota Victory Lane with go-cart racer Ryan Gierke who was celebrating his birthday



Street Stock Feature Winner Brett Miller celebrates with James Drewes presenting his trophy in the Prairie Trailer / Beck's Radiator / Dream it Do it MN Victory Lane



**Super Stock Feature Winner Alan Johnson** in Victory Lane being presented with the Prairie Trailer sponsored trophy from Ken Lesmeister and Tiffany Knott

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Modified Feature Winner Blake Jegtvig pictured with Jamie Drewes & his son, Brady from *Prairie Trailer*.



Late Model Feature Winner Todd Frank pictured with Ken Lesmeister, owner of *Prairie Trailer*.



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duel with two time national champion Blake Jegtvig for the second spot. Saurer continued to use his preferred high line while Jegtvig worked the bottom. Jegtvig was able to dispose of Saurer and raced up to challenge the rookie Gerdes. Behind the three lead cars a great battle was shaping up between brothers Josh and Jason Thoennes, Dave Schroeder, and Perley, MN driver Bryce Borgen. The yellow would fly with only a handful of laps remaining when Josh Thoennes clipped a tractor tire on the infield and it found its way to the racing surface. This would give Saurer and Gerdes one last chance to get by Jegtvig, who had opened up a large advantage. On the restart Jegtvig blasted back out to the lead on the low side as Saurer worked his way past Gerdes once more into second. Jason Thoennes was able to make his way around Gerdes and moved into the third spot, but out front Jegtvig continued to dominate and he picked up his first Viking Speedway win of the season. Saurer came home in the runner up spot, Jason Thoennes was third, Brady Gerdes fourth, and eleventh starter Borgen rounded out the top five. Earlier in the night heat race wins went to Jason Thoennes and Saurer.

In his guest for a WISSOTA Late Model national point championship, Todd Frank has become a regular at Viking Speedway and on Saturday he sat on the outside of row one along side of Wahpeton, ND driver Casey Meyer for the final event of the evening. Frank blasted out to a nice advantage on the start as fourth starting Ricky Weiss and sixth starting Jeff Wildung moved into the number two and three spots respectively. The caution would fly once in the main event when Meyer lost the bite on his #03 machine and slipped over the banking with ten laps remaining. On the restart Frank once again moved his car to the middle of the track and held onto the lead. With only two laps remaining Weiss made a hard charge to get around Frank, but to no avail as Frank held on for his first career Viking Speedway win. Weiss, the two time defending national champion, finished a solid second, track point leader Wildung was third, Morris, MN driver Shawn Kirwin was fourth, and Winnipeg traveler Mike Balcaen rounded out the top five. Heat race winners in the class were Balcaen and Kirwin.

Tonight, the track will host its annual Hall of Fame night. This year's nominees are former modified aces Scott Hillig and Dave Storck. The festivities began at 3:30 with a meet and greet season in the Lions Building at the fairgrounds followed by racing action at 6pm. All five WISSOTA classes will be in action. For the latest Viking Speedway news, results, standings, and photos, please visit the track online at **vikingspeedway.net** or you can like the track on Facebook, **facebook.com/vikingspeedway**.

#### PIT TALK

We've got a lot of plans for the Viking Speedway News and over time, we plan to implement them. This week we are happy to give you the "Pit Talk" section. Here we will gather tidbits of information about the drivers and share them, much like the bullet points at the bottom of the "Inside Groove" by Larry Holverson. Our sources will include the usual social media outlets along with BLOGS and good old fashioned mini spiral notebooks. If you have any information that you feel should be in our next issue, please email cricketprints@gmail.com or leave a message on our office voicemail at 612-567-0015. Of course you can catch me [Scott] in the pits after the races.

#### From the Pits

 I'm sure you noticed Adam Burrows was driving car #76 last week instead of his car. Adam blew his motor the night before in Fergus Falls & made a deal Saturday morning to pick up Jason Babcock's old Streeter that had sat for a couple years.



- Justin Vogel broke a rocker arm stud during the heat race and left the track on the trailer before 7:00 to get back to Brooten Auto to fix it. On the bright side, Justin added a new sponsor this week, R&J Tours
- **Gary Reents** brought his Street Stock this week and left the Modified at home. Gary had been waiting for his motor and finally got it installed during the week.
- Late Model driver **Rick Nelson** was leading his heat race when he slid off turn three. Rick had been adjusting his brakes and got them too tight, they locked up entering the turn and caused him to go over the bank. See photo on page 15.
- Jason Cook had some trouble with his Super Stock, he put it like this: "it squealed like a hog and shut down."
- Crouse and Larry Lund got together. I talked to both drivers after the race.. separately. Jeff said that Larry got up into the loose stuff and then Larry's rear end slid down into Jeff's path and they hit, locking bumpers. Jeff said he knew more cars were behind so he stayed in the throttle to stay ahead of them. After they crossed the finish, Jeff didn't want to cause a wreck in the middle of the track so he stayed in it till the end of the straight. Larry had a nice smile when I told him Jeff's side of the story. Larry said he is faster than Jeff and has been for a few weeks now. I'm excited to see how this week goes.

#### From Facebook

- Robyn Snyder Winning Edge Graphics night at the races this Saturday. An extra \$100 from Winning Edge for any car we lettered that wins their feature. Good luck!!!
- Chelsea Lynn Peterson "Yay the time has finally come! Bangsund racing shirts are in! Come visit us in Alex after the races on Saturday and get your shirts:)" — with Andrew Bangsund.
- Jacy Norgaard "This is the best announcer KRA has ever had.."
   Chris Stepan "Much love to Ron Krog...... he is a rockstar!"
- Terrie Kintner Thank you so much for the OUT-STANDING show the speedway put on Saturday night!! I visited Viking for the first time with my friends and we had a blast! I am looking forward to going back again!
- **Kyle Hoium** Jeff Hinkemeyer needs to be in there [Viking Speedway Hall of Fame] ASAP!
- Cricket Prints Congratulations to Dave Storck & Scott Hillig for being inducted into the Viking Speedway Hall of Fame!!

Michelle Storck Congrats Uncle Dave!
Thomas Silver and he was always a sportsman
too.

**Brittany 'Moore' Burns** I loved these guys in the days. Congrats !!!

**Tom Berg** Two great NASCAR/Wissota modified drivers that I enjoyed watching for many, many years. Two of the cleanest racers around.





Cory Crapser #07c kicks up some dust in the third Midwest Modified Heat Race of the night



Derrick Lemke #31x and Jeff Crouse #29\* trade a little paint as they work the high side against Max Dondelinger #44





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#### DRIVER PROFILE: JEFF CROUSE





#### **Jeff Crouse #29\* Super Stock**

**Age:** 34 **Hometown:** Alexandria, MN **Occupation:** Head Coach Alexandria Blizzard Hockey Team **Spouse/Significant Other:** Wife Tracie **Children:** Jacey (4) and Jackson (1)

Racing Experience: I have raced at the Super Stock level for 15 years! Chassis: Affordable Chassis Car Owner: Larry Crouse (dad) Crew Chief: Shane Rosch Pit Crew: Blair George, Roger Weinbrenner, "Cutty", Chris Estenson, Frank Rosch Influences: Larry Crouse (dad), Dennis Bitzan, Jeff Hinkemeyer, Bill Peterson Sponsors: Dairy Queen South of Alexandria, Fergus Falls Dairy Queen, JC Wanner Athletic Apparel, Fat Daddy's/Garden Center, Alexandria Blizzard, QA1 Factory Sport, Klimek Bros Well Drilling, LifeQuest Chiropractic, Anderson Funeral Home, U1 Motorsports, Overnight Wraps

Other Tracks: I-94 Speedway Fergus Falls Favorite Experience at Viking Speedway: My favorite experience at Viking Speedway is winning the Jerry Kluver Memorial Race the first time and then going back to back. Most Memorable Racing Experience: My most memorable racing experience was winning my first ever track championship at Viking Speedway last season! Track Championships: I have won 1 track championship-2011 Viking Speedway Super Stock. Something race fans might not know about me: If race fans didn't catch on to my occupation, I am a hockey coach during the winter season here in Alexandria.











# Hall of Fame

2012 - DAVE STORCK - SCOTT HILLIG

2011 - RON PEASE - DUWAYNE NELSON

2010 - GREG MUZIK - STU OLSON

2009 - JIM NIELAND - JERRY VANKEMPEN

2008 - BILL PETERSON - JERRY KLUVER

2007 - DON DOMINE - OLLIE BUSE

2006 - WAYNE KLUVER - LARRY HOLVERSON

2005 - ROY SNYDER - DICK BLOCK

2004 - DAVE GILBERTSON - WALTER ANDERSON

2003 - JIM JOHNSON - FLORIAN SPRINZEL

2002 - Glen "BUTCH" PETERSON - DEAN PETERSON

2001 - GERRY GERIS - FRANKIE HERZOG





NASCAR MODIFIED racers Scott Hillig (98) and Dave Storck (57) battled wheel to wheel in turn four last Saturday night in one of the heat races at the Viking Speedway.

#### VIKING SPEEDWAY UNOFFICIAL POINT STANDINGS

#### Midwest Modified

| <u>Pos</u> | <u>Car #</u> | <u>Driver</u>      | <u>Hometown</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1          | 27           | William Lund       | Brandon MN      | 624.00        |
| 2          | 21X          | Travis Saurer      | Elizabeth MN    | 612.00        |
| 3          | 10B          | Dustin Bitzan      | Brandon MN      | 565.00        |
| 4          | 42           | Ronald Saurer      | Dalton MN       | 543.00        |
| 5          | 32           | Shawn Olson        | Alexandria MN   | 504.00        |
| 6          | 07           | Jason Hoffman      | Villard MN      | 487.00        |
| 7          | 37           | Tyler Vanderby     | Glenwood MN     | 456.00        |
| 8          | 53           | Chris Mensen       | Alexandria MN   | 443.00        |
| 9          | 4A           | Darrin Braaten     | Kensington MN   | 409.00        |
| 10         | 23           | Josh Muzik         | Alexandria MN   | 397.00        |
| 11         | 97S          | Ryan Schleusner    | Hector MN       | 394.00        |
| 12         | EZ-1         | Randy Laage        | Brooten MN      | 348.00        |
| 13         | 7 G          | Dan Greeley        | Alexandria MN   | 343.00        |
| 14         | 88           | Brandon Spanswick  | Osakis MN       | 331.00        |
| 15         | 20           | Todd Berg          | Starbuck MN     | 328.00        |
| 16         | 59           | Tim Mensen         | Alexandria MN   | 318.00        |
| 17         | 15           | Travis Vanderby    | Alexandria MN   | 317.00        |
| 18         | 1            | Kyle Reents        | Glenwood MN     | 289.00        |
| 19         | 38J          | Jason Vejtruba     | Atwater MN      | 283.00        |
| 20         | 16H          | Zach Hintermeister | Brandon MN      | 278.00        |
| 21         | 15K          | Dustin Karl        | Osakis MN       | 264.00        |
| 22         | 29           | Kurt Deters        | Sauk Centre MN  | 252.00        |
| 23         | 20           | Dennis Czech       | Sauk Rapids MN  | 217.00        |
| 24         | 34           | Jamie Thorstad     | Morris MN       | 210.00        |
| 25         | 6            | Brian Haben        | Holloway MN     | 201.00        |



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| <u>Pos</u> | Car# | <u>Driver</u>    | <u>Hometown</u>      | <u>Points</u> |
|------------|------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1          | 54   | Larry Lund       | Brandon MN           | 653.00        |
| 2          | 38   | Jon Stepan       | Brandon MN           | 640.00        |
| 3          | 22   | Alan Johnson     | Osakis MN            | 627.00        |
| 4          | 21   | Trevor Saurer    | Dalton MN            | 615.00        |
| 5          | 29*  | Jeff Crouse      | Alexandria MN        | 594.00        |
| 6          | 15F  | Jeff Flaten      | Hancock MN           | 588.00        |
| 7          | 13M  | Matt Miller      | Glenwood MN          | 584.00        |
| 8          | 50   | Cody Lee         | Starbuck MN          | 500.00        |
| 9          | 31X  | Derrick Lemke    | Sauk Centre MN       | 444.00        |
| 10         | 19K  | Jeff Kluver      | Alexandria MN        | 394.00        |
| 11         | 1P   | Mike Peterson    | Dawson MN            | 383.00        |
| 12         | 9    | Dominic Baker    | Osakis MN            | 342.00        |
| 13         | 79   | Jason Cook       | Brandon MN           | 318.00        |
| 14         | 71X  | Cory Tammen      | Fargo ND             | 249.00        |
| 15         | 77   | Rocky Yeats      | Alexandria MN        | 158.00        |
| 16         | 5H   | Robert Holtquist | Milbank SD           | 122.00        |
| 17         | 2*   | Travis Berends   | Montevideo MN        | 108.00        |
| 18         | 7A   | Shane Sabraski   | Rice MN              | 97.00         |
| -          | 56   | Steve Weber      | Big Stone City<br>SD | 97.00         |
| 20         | 7W   | Chris Winter     | Hoffman MN           | 88.00         |
| 21         | 24R  | Robert Lore      |                      | 81.00         |
| 22         | 44   | Max Dondelinger  | Brainerd MN          | 79.00         |
| 23         | 78K  | Dexton Koch      | Rice MN              | 77.00         |
| 24         | 15D  | Dennis Dalhl     | Fargo ND             | 68.00         |
| 25         | 11   | Chris Groth      | MN                   | 49.00         |
|            |      |                  |                      |               |

#### Street Stock

| <u>Pos</u> | Car#   | <u>Driver</u>         | <u>Hometown</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1          | 188,76 | Adam Burrows          | West Fargo ND   | 551.00        |
| 2          | 33M    | Brett Miller          | Alexandria mn   | 542.00        |
| 3          | 70     | Andrew Bangsund       | Alexandria MN   | 541.00        |
| 4          | 31,31X | Chris Winter          | Hoffman MN      | 536.00        |
| 5          | 8      | Tiffany Maus-Krippner | Kimball MN      | 519.00        |
| 6          | 6X     | Mark Blom             | Glenwood MN     | 483.00        |
| 7          | 23     | Vernon Stewart        | Herman MN       | 423.00        |
| 8          | 10     | Justin Vogel          | Brooten MN      | 372.00        |
| 9          | 67     | Ryan Satter           | Mn              | 289.00        |
| 10         | 15     | Tyler Spanswick       | Osakis Mn       | 226.00        |
| 11         | 71X,71 | Justin Tammen         | Clara City MN   | 202.00        |
| 12         | 5P     | Ryan Pommerer         | Oriska ND       | 98.00         |
| 13         | 24X    | David Deters          | Sauk Centre Mn  | 83.00         |
| 14         | 21X    | Jake Huston           | Benson MN       | 82.00         |
| 15         | 02     | Tim Jodaas            | Alexandria MN   | 80.00         |
| 16         | 02     | Tim Jodsaas           | Alexandria MN   | 52.00         |
| 17         | 32     | Jordan Tollakson      | Montevideo MN   | 51.00         |
| 18         | 79     | Billie Christ         | Jamestown ND    | 49.00         |
| 19         | 24W    | James Wall            | Winkler MB      | 47.00         |
| 20         | 3P     | Rick Pommerer         | ND              | 46.00         |
| 21         | 30     | Travis Ulmer          | Manhan ND       | 45.00         |
| -          | 1      | Gary Reents           | Villard MN      | 45.00         |
| 23         | 9      | Aaron Leininger       | Rothsay MN      | 44.00         |
| 24         | 21H    | Scott Huston          | Benson MN       | 41.00         |
| 25         | 88     | Cody Wall             | Winkler MB      | 36.00         |

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#### Late Model

#### Modified

| Pos | Car#       | Driver            | Hometown           | Points | <u>Pos</u> | <u>Car #</u> | <u>Driver</u>      | <u>Hometown</u>     | <u>Points</u> |
|-----|------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1   | 50         | Jeff Wildung      | Nassau MN          | 459.00 | 1          | 21X          | Travis Saurer      | Elizabeth MN        | 548.00        |
| 2   | 12N        | Rick Nelson       | Alexandria MN      | 439.00 | 2          | 10X          | Dennis Bitzan      | Farwell MN          | 527.00        |
| 3   | 73         | Zach Johnson      | Kensington MN      | 406.00 | 3          | 188          | Dave Schroeder     | Glenwood MN         | 520.00        |
| 4   | 44P        | Brad Parson       | Morris MN          | 388.00 | 4          | 2X           | Brady Gerdes       | Villard MN          | 488.00        |
| 5   | 3          | Clarence Washburn | Hector             | 298.00 | 5          | 51           | Josh Thoennes      | Carlos MN           | 429.00        |
| 6   | 21         | Todd Frank        | Mellen WI          | 292.00 | 6          | 5H           | Brett Hoium        | Villard MN          | 421.00        |
| 7   | 11K        | Jeremy Keller     | Mandan ND          | 256.00 | 7          | 52           | Jason Thoennes     | Garfield MN         | 401.00        |
| 8   | 7W         | Riday Weiss       | Headingley MB      | 254.00 | 8          | 99W          | Jake Wildman       | Glenwood MN         | 381.00        |
| 9   | 700<br>428 | Don Shaw          | Ham Lake MN        | 239.00 | 9          | 14M          | Terry Merten       | Sauk Centre MN      | 377.00        |
| 10  | 425<br>8   |                   |                    | 238.00 | 10         | 198          | Cody Skytland      | West Fargo ND       | 359.00        |
| 11  | о<br>5Е    | Billy Michaelsohn | West Fargo ND      | 212.00 | 11         | 36           | Danny Bayer        | Elrosa MN           | 315.00        |
|     |            | Shane Edginton    | Winnipeg MB        |        | 12         | 1G           | Dallas Gulbrandson | Alexandria MN       | 307.00        |
| 12  | 108        | Mike Balcaen      | Winnipeg MB        | 201.00 | 13         | 1K           | Kyle Koehntop      | Morris MN           | 288.00        |
| 13  | 7L,21L     | Scott Lehn        | Albany MN          | 196.00 | 14         | 97           | Peter Loecken      | Roscoe MN           | 258.00        |
| 14  | 10K        | Shawn Kirwin      | Morris MN          | 150.00 | 15         | 1X           | Terry Engebretson  | Cyrus MN            | 257.00        |
| 15  | 32         | Shaun Peterson    | Alexandria MN      | 143.00 | 16         | 26           | Brock Gronwold     | Fergus Falls MN     | 216.00        |
| 16  | 22         | Corey Nelson      | Canby MN           | 95.00  | 17         | 95           | Mark Esala         | Thief River Falls   | 195.00        |
| 17  | 198        | Seth Brede        | Kandiyohi MN       | 92.00  | 17         | 80           | IVIAIK ESAIA       | MN                  | 185.00        |
| 18  | 03         | Casey Meyer       | Wahpeton ND        | 83.00  | 18         | 2J           | Blake Jegtvig      | Hawley MN           | 175.00        |
| 19  | 11         | Pat Doar          | New Richmond<br>WI | 54.00  | 19         | 26K,26       | Robert Gierke      | Villard MN          | 170.00        |
| 20  | 118        | Cody Skytland     | Fargo ND           | 50.00  | 20         | 18           | Jason Blascyk      | Kensington MN       | 162.00        |
| 21  | 23         | Kyle Peterlin     | Hibbing MN         | 49.00  | 21         | 16W          | Scott Werk         | Verndale MN         | 144.00        |
| 22  | 15E        | Caley Emmerson    | Wyoming Mn         | 48.00  | 22         | 6X           | Dwayne Clarke      | Alexandria MN       | 140.00        |
| 23  | 84         | Michael Johnson   | Moorhead MN        | 46.00  | 23         | 23           | Matt Gilbertson    | Montevideo MN       | 137.00        |
| 24  | 01         | Joey Ogston       | Duluth MN          | 45.00  | 24         | 87           | Curt Lund          | Redwood Falls<br>MN | 134.00        |
| 25  | 226        | Kyle Gavel        | ON                 | 42.00  | 25         | 10W          | Ward Imrie         | Winnipeg MB         | 120.00        |



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#### AUGUST 4TH RESULTS

#### Modified - Feature

| <u>Finish</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>Car</u> | <u>Driver</u>     | <u>Hometown</u> | Race Points |
|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1             | 5            | 2J         | Blake Jegtvig     | Hawley , Mn     | 35.00       |
| 2             | 1            | 21X        | Travis Saurer     | Elizabeth , Mn  | 33.00       |
| 3             | 7            | 52         | Jason Thoennes    | Garfield , Mn   | 32.00       |
| 4             | 2            | 2X         | Brady Gerdes      | Villard , Mn    | 31.00       |
| 5             | 11           | 7          | Bryce Borgen      | Perley , Mn     | 30.00       |
| 6             | 14           | 188        | Dave Schroeder    | Glenwood , Mn   | 29.00       |
| 7             | 4            | 51         | Josh Thoennes     | Carlos , Mn     | 28.00       |
| 8             | 3            | 10X        | Dennis Bitzan     | Farwell , Mn    | 27.00       |
| 9             | 9            | 5H         | Brett Hoium       | Villard , Mn    | 26.00       |
| 10            | 16           | 6X         | Dwayne Clarke     | Alexandria , Mn | 25.00       |
| 11            | 12           | 26         | Robert Gierke     | Villard , Mn    | 24.00       |
| 12            | 13           | 14M        | Terry Merten      | Sauk Centre, Mn | 23.00       |
| 13            | 10           | 128        | Jamie Trautner    | Felton , Mn     | 22.00       |
| 14            | 8            | 14         | Aaron Olson       | Mekinock , Nd   | 21.00       |
| 15            | 6            | Z28        | Mark Trautner     | Mahnomen , Mn   | 20.00       |
| 16            | 15           | 1X         | Terry Engebretson | Cyrus , Mn      | 0.00        |

#### Super Stock - Feature

| <u>Finish</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>Car</u> | <u>Driver</u>   | <u>Hometown</u> | Race Points |
|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1             | 5            | 22         | Alan Johnson    | Osakis , Mn     | 35.00       |
| 2             | 7            | 54         | Larry Lund      | Brandon , Mn    | 33.00       |
| 3             | 8            | 29*        | Jeff Crouse     | Alexandria , Mn | 32.00       |
| 4             | 4            | 21         | Trevor Saurer   | Dalton , Mn     | 31.00       |
| 5             | 1            | 44         | Ma× Dondelinger | Brainerd , Mn   | 30.00       |
| 6             | 6            | 38         | Jon Stepan      | Brandon , Mn    | 29.00       |
| 7             | 11           | 19K        | Jeff Kluver     | Alexandria , Mn | 28.00       |
| 8             | 10           | 50         | Cody Lee        | Starbuck , Mn   | 27.00       |
| 9             | 3            | 13M        | Matt Miller     | Glenwood , Mn   | 26.00       |
| 10            | 9            | 15F        | Jeff Flaten     | Hancock, Mn     | 25.00       |
| 11            | 13           | 31X        | Derrick Lemke   | Sauk Centre, Mn | 24.00       |
| 12            | 2            | 9          | Dominic Baker   | Osakis , Mn     | 0.00        |
| 13            | 12           | 79         | Jason Cook      | Brandon , Mn    | 0.00        |

#### Late Model - Feature

| <u>Finish</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>Car</u> | <u>Driver</u>     | <u>Hometown</u> | Race Points |
|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1             | 2            | 21         | Todd Frank        | Mellen , Wi     | 35.00       |
| 2             | 4            | 7W         | Ricky Weiss       | Headingley , Mb | 33.00       |
| 3             | 6            | 50         | Jeff Wildung      | Nassau , Mn     | 32.00       |
| 4             | 3            | 10K        | Shawn Kirwin      | Morris , Mn     | 31.00       |
| 5             | 5            | 10B        | Mike Balcaen      | Winnipeg , Mb   | 30.00       |
| 6             | 8            | 11K        | Jeremy Keller     | Mandan , Nd     | 29.00       |
| 7             | 14           | 12N        | Rick Nelson       | Alexandria , Mn | 28.00       |
| 8             | 7            | 84         | Michael Johnson   | Moorhead , Mn   | 27.00       |
| 9             | 11           | 16         | Jason Storbakken  | Williston , Nd  | 26.00       |
| 10            | 10           | 44P        | Brad Parson       | Morris , Mn     | 25.00       |
| 11            | 1            | 03         | Casey Meyer       | Wahpeton , Nd   | 24.00       |
| 12            | 13           | 8          | Billy Michaelsohn | West Fargo, Nd  | 23.00       |
| 13            | 9            | 19B        | Seth Brede        | Kandiyohi , Mn  | 22.00       |
| 14            | 12           | 21L        | Scott Lehn        | Albany , Mn     | 21.00       |

#### Street Stock - Feature

| <u>Finish</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>Car</u> | <u>Driver</u>         | <u>Hometown</u> | Race Points |
|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1             | 2            | 33M        | Brett Miller          | Alexandria , Mn | 35.00       |
| 2             | 4            | 70         | Andrew Bangsund       | Alexandria , Mn | 33.00       |
| 3             | 1            | 31         | Chris Winter          | Hoffman , Mn    | 32.00       |
| 4             | 3            | 8          | Tiffany Maus-krippner | Kimball , Mn    | 31.00       |
| 5             | 8            | 6X         | Mark Blom             | Glenwood , Mn   | 30.00       |
| 6             | 6            | 76         | Adam Burrows          | West Fargo, Nd  | 29.00       |
| 7             | 5            | 1          | Gany Reents           | Villard , Mn    | 28.00       |
| 8             | 7            | 67         | Ryan Satter           | , Mn            | 0.00        |
| 9             | 9            | 10         | Justin Vogel          | Brooten , Mn    | 0.00        |
|               |              |            |                       |                 |             |

#### Midwest Modified - Feature

| <u>Finish</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>Car</u> | <u>Driver</u>      | <u>Hometown</u>    | Race Points |
|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1             | 4            | 10B        | Dustin Bitzan      | Brandon , Mn       | 35.00       |
| 2             | 5            | 07C        | Cory Crapser       | Chippewa Falls, Wi | 33.00       |
| 3             | 7            | 20         | Dennis Czech       | Sauk Rapids, Mn    | 32.00       |
| 4             | 9            | 21X        | Travis Saurer      | Elizabeth , Mn     | 31.00       |
| 5             | 8            | 27         | William Lund       | Brandon , Mn       | 30.00       |
| 6             | 6            | 07         | Jason Hoffman      | Villard , Mn       | 29.00       |
| 7             | 3            | 32         | Shawn Olson        | Alexandria , Mn    | 28.00       |
| 8             | 10           | 42         | Ronald Saurer      | Dalton , Mn        | 27.00       |
| 9             | 14           | EZ-1       | Randy Laage        | Brooten , Mn       | 26.00       |
| 10            | 20           | 1          | Kyle Reents        | Glenwood , Mn      | 25.00       |
| 11            | 15           | 15         | Travis Vanderby    | Alexandria , Mn    | 24.00       |
| 12            | 11           | 53         | Chris Mensen       | Alexandria , Mn    | 23.00       |
| 13            | 13           | 59         | Tim Mensen         | Alexandria , Mn    | 22.00       |
| 14            | 18           | 33X        | Justin Froemming   | Garfield , Mn      | 21.00       |
| 15            | 2            | 16H        | Zach Hintermeister | Brandon , Mn       | 20.00       |
| 16            | 19           | 7          | Dan Rice           | Villard , Mn       | 19.00       |
| 17            | 12           | 4A         | Darrin Braaten     | Kensington , Mn    | 18.00       |
| 18            | 16           | 15K        | Dustin Karl        | Osakis , Mn        | 17.00       |
| 19            | 17           | 37         | Tyler Vanderby     | Glenwood , Mn      | 16.00       |
| 20            | 1            | 20         | Todd Berg          | Starbuck , Mn      | 0.00        |
|               |              |            |                    |                    |             |



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#### **Remaining 2012 Viking Speedway Schedule**

2012 Schedule is Tentative and Subject to Change

**August 11 (Sat)** - WISSOTA Racing - 5 Sanctioned Classes (Hall of Fame Night, Jerry Kluver Memorial Race)

August 16 (Thurs) - Douglas County Fair - Demolition Derby

**August 17 (Fri)** - Douglas County Fair - Demolition Derby

August 18 (Sat) - Douglas County Fair - 5 WISSOTA Sanctioned Classes

August 25 (Sat) - NOSA SPRINTS LEGENDS NO LATE MODEL

Sept 1 (Sat) - Labor Day Doubleheader - 5 WISSOTA Classes NLRA Late Model Special

Sept 2 (Sun) - Labor Day Doubleheader - 5 WISSOTA Classes NLRA Late Model Special

**Sept 3 (Mon)** - Labor Day Doubleheader (Rain Date - Noon)

Sept 8 (Sat) - TBA

October 4 (Thurs) - 10th Annual Viking Fall Classic - Practice 6 to 9 PM

October 5 (Fri) - 10th Annual Viking Fall Classic - Late Model, Mod, Super, Street, MWM, Mod 4

October 6 (Sat) - 10th Annual Viking Fall Classic - Late Model, Mod, Super, Street, MWM, Mod 4

October 7 (Sun) - 10th Annual Viking Fall Classic - Rain Date

October 11 (Thurs) - Viking Fall Classic - Rain Date Practice 6 to 9 PM

October 12 (Fri) - Viking Fall Classic - Rain Date Late Model, Mod, Super, Street, MWM, Mod 4

October 13 (Sat) - Viking Fall Classic - Rain Date Late Model, Mod, Super, Street, MWM, Mod 4

October 14 (Sun) - Viking Fall Classic - Rain Date

Nov 24 (Sat) - 2012 Awards Banguet - Broadway Ballroom



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The EZ1 machine of Randy Laage tries to pass Darrin Braaten #4A on the inside through turn 4



Zach Hintermeister #16H spins entering turn 4 causing the mess you see in the photo on the next page. Point leader William Lund & Jason Hoffman make it through unscathed

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#### **AUTOGRAPHS**







Mark Trautner #z28



Cory Crapser #07



Dan Rice #7



Bryce Borgen #7



Josh Thoennes #51



After Hintermeister spun (see photo left), the 4A of Darrin Braaten & Tyler Vanderby #37 were collected and all three cars had to retire to the pits for the night

#### BLAST FROM THE PAST - Scott Hillig

## Bitzan, Hillig win Mechanics race

Lauren Bitzan of Miltona and Scott Hillig of Long Prairie won Mechanics Races last Saturday night at the Viking Speedway in the street stock and sportsman divisions respectively.

Bitzan won the top prize in the street stock division over a car from Brainerd with Bill Thoennes taking third, Allen Raaum fourth and Joe Korkowski was fifth. Bitzan

was driving the car owned by Dennis Bitzan. Hillig sat behind the controls of his father Marv's sportsman Oldsmobile product and led the entire race. Mike Wendland in Bill Peterson's Aries K car was second followed

by Lee Vogt, Darrell Saxton, and Scott

Doug Kiel of Morris was the only accident victim of either race as he rolled the street stock car owned by Dave Storck.

VIKING SPEEDWAY MECHANICS RACE RESULTS (SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 1891)
STREET STOCK - 1. Lauren Bitzan (52), 2. Car 2A, 3. Bill Thosenses (13), 4. Allen Rasum (78), 5. Joe Korkowski (53), 6. Keith Morriscon (53), 7. Mark Nohre (2), 8. Car 61, 9. Donna Brighbilli (40), 10. Tom Dingwall (29), SPORTSMAH - 1. Scott Hillig (49), 2. Miks Wendland (32), 3. Lee Vogt (14), 4. Darrell Saxton (55), 5. Scott Erickson (37), 6. Daren Somenses (28), 7. Lee Tachida (44), 6. Darnils Requeste (8), 9. Bud Cloon (7), 10. Darnils Moeser (58), 11. Brad Timm (07), 12. Bob Danzlesser (5).





SCOTT HILLIG of Long Prairie, right, received the sportsman Mechanics Race trophy from Jim Roncone following his win in the Mechanics Race last Saturday night at the Viking Speedway



arry Juhi (40) of New London held the inside groove while NASCAR lodified competitors Dennis Bitzan (52) and Scott Hillig (98) attempted take to the high side of the fourth turn. Racing at the Viking Speedway

### **Scott Hillig** No. 98

1994



After three straight NASCAR Modified point championships, Scott Hillig decided to move up a class this season here at the Viking Speedway.

Hillig has been involved in racing for 11 years and took over the driving duties after his day, Mary, retired. Mary is now the crew chief on the NASCAR Late Model product.

The veteran racer pilots a 1994 Chevrolet Camaro Affordable Chassis product powered by a 355 cubic inch engine. So far this season Hillig has had motor problems, having blown two so far this young season.

Hillig picked the No. 98 after there were several No. 99's running at the time. His dad ran under the No. 99 and being there were other cars with the same number, he dropped down one

The parts manager at Hillig Implement in Long Prairie says his favorite food is steak, his favorite beverage is Mountain Dew, his favorite color is red and his hobby is racing.

The most admired person in his life is Late Model racer Billy Moyer.

Hillig says he would like to win six feature races this season.

In looking back on last year, Hillig says he and his crew had a very good year.

Another reason he probably does so well here is that he likes the big half-mile oval.

Among the highlights of his career were winning the State NASCAR Modified Series point champion in 1988. Last year he won a feature race in the NASCAR Modified and Late Model Divisions during the same night.

Members of his pit crew include Alan Hayes, Marv Hillig, Bill McLain, Dennis Ebnet and

The car is sponsored by Hillig Implement, Bryant Heating and Cooling and Rapid Perfor-

He and his wife Becky are the parent's of one child, Paige.



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Scott Hillig (98) of Long Prairie, three time NASCAR Modified point champion here at the Viking Speedway, will be competing in the NASCAR Late Model Division this summer. Hillig had won the last three modified point crowns.



Rick Nelson #12N goes high off turn three as he was leading his heat race

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Viking Speedway Trivia: Name the Runestone Raceway driver pictured here (right) from October of 1992 who currently races at Viking Speedway. Log on to Facebook.com/cricketprints & be the first to answer correctly under the trivia post and win a Viking Speedway Trivia trophy provided by Glenwood Trophy & Engraving. Congratulations to last weeks winner Kim Peterson for correctly answering last weeks photo trivia as Craig Brightbill. Pictured below is Kim with her nephew Bailey Sorenson who currently races at Runestone. Kim knew the answer because she raced against Craig.









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#### **BLAST FROM THE PAST - Dave Storck**





DAVE STORCK of Morris won the street stock 'A' feature last Saturday



Saturday, August 2, 1980

DAVE STORCK [57] won his first race of the season last Saturday night as he took top honors in the third street stock heat race.





Dave Storck (57) of Morris battled with Stephan Anderson (83) of Onamia last weekend in one of the NASCAR Modified Division heat races.



Dave Storck (57), the defending NASCAR Modified point champion at the Viking Speedway, held the inside groove while Gary Reents (1) took the high side as the two drivers battled in turn one last Saturday night. Reents was making his 1991 debut at the big half-mile.

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